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Sai-ni-ch'ie-ssu-ni (塞米岭斯尼), Deputy head of the Soviet Technical Advisory Group to China, and P'an-no-fu (潘诺夫), head of the Naval Technical Advisory Group, gave the Chinese Communists their views regarding the development of the Chinese Communist Navy. Three out of an unknown number of points were as follows:

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- Since new China is only beginning to build a navy and is short in all types of naval vessels, and since the enemy has overwhelming superiority, the People's Navy must concentrate its attention and resources on defense and capabilities of launching surprise attacks. Submarine technique in particular must be emphasized in the training program.
- The period devoted primarily to training. At the end of this period the People's Navy should have between 150,000 and 200,000 well-trained naval personnel.
- To facilitate the training of such a large number of persons, pre-naval training should be separated from naval training. Separate training schools for pre-naval instruction should be established in various localities; after graduating from these schools, the trainees should enter the regular naval school for their specialized training.

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Comment: the Chinese Communists expect to complete the training of 25,000 naval personnel

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